

McGRATH

I have read with interest the data from Ann McGrath (re John McGrath and son James McGrath) wherein Richard McGrath married a widow Mrs. Casay who had two previous daughters. The two daughters only came to Argentia when they were 15 and 17. One married Thomas Connors and the other married Edward Houlihan. ^{ANN CASAY} ^{CATHERINE CASAY}

The above data answers my question why the Bishop was a visitor in the Oderin household. The Bishop always admired a lustre jug of the house and when offered same he refused. When visiting the house a year or so later he was given the Jug "You will not refuse our gift this time". It was filled with gold coins.

The McGraths start out in 1799 when Richard McGrath left Carrick-on Suir and hid with friends in Waterford. He did dress as a woman when he and his wife sailed to Newfoundland and settled in Little Placentia(Argentia).

He was a blacksmith and according to family tradition was implicated in the 1798 rising in Ireland by forging pike-heads for the insurgents and using one himself at the battle of Vinegar Hill, Enniscorthy in Wexford.

Four Richard McGraths left Carrick-on-Suir that year to cross the ocean. Richard had one brother and two sisters who sailed the following year for Philadelphia.

Richard(who died in 1868) had 3 sons and Several daughters. James stayed in Argentia. (Catherine McGrath once head nurse of Placentia Hospital was a granddaughter). John went to Little Harbour East. Richard born 1820 settled in Oderin. One daughter married a Wakely, Halifax. Another Daughter married Dr. Campbell(son George died young).

Richard of Oderin was married more than once and died at 88

One marriage was to Margaret Fanning and they had 5 sons and 4 daughters.

1 son died young

James born 1860, educated St. Bon's. elected 1885 and was also the Governor of the Penitentiary.

John to New York (Secretary to Roosevelt)

Richard stayed in Oderin. Moved St. John's late in life.

Father of Helena Frecker, Father Will, Bishop Dick, Margaret Howlett, Madeline-Mas Mercy Sister "Bernadine"

Kate married Long Joe Power(daughter Tess married Chris Byrne went to County Meath near Drogheda Ireland and had a cattle farm

Agnis married Lionel Benning.

Margaret married Philip Power-Magistrate Bell Island daughter Tess was mother of 3 Mifflin boys who all became priests.

Mary married Joseph Power.

BORN 1868 married
OCT 26 1894 to BRIDGET
POWER

BORN ODERIN June 30 1873
married 1901

ANNALS OF AGE 21 DIED 1891 AT RIO DE JANEIRO

MARCH 1891

James McGrath born in 1860 in Oderin:

1st wife was _____ Power (a sister of Helena Frecker's mother)

2nd wife was Catherine Mary McCarthy born 1865 the daughter
of Jim McCarthy and Sarah Connor of Red Island.
her brothers 1864 Thomas Vincent and 1867 Denis Patrick.

3rd wife was Mary Alyward born 1859 the daughter of Michael
Alyward (1827-1873) and Elizabeth Osborne (1810-1914)
Kilkenny Petty Harbour 1830
Children:

Margaret 10

Twin Jack and Dick died 1923

Betty married James Conroy

Father Charles 1928-1966. Killed in Monsefu.

Sister Margaret 1931-

James married Anita Kearney

Elizabeth

Seumas

John

Shelia

Mary

Janet

Leslie

Antonio "Toni"

Carol

Georgina "Robin"

Philip Kearney

James McGrath directly above was a Doctor, member of Government
and manager of the Bennett Brewing Company, St. John's.

Mother of Mary Aylward above also married Michael Donovan of Donovans
Newfoundland.

Historical claim is through one Milo McGrath who in 12 century
burned down the great Cathedral of Cashel and whose defense
for the sacrilege was that he only did it because he thought
the Bishop was inside at the time.

MRS CASAI WAS RELATION OF BISHOP FLEMING